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TAGS: OVIP (TODMAN, TERENCE A.), SOPN, BB

SUBJ: BARBADOS PRESS REACTION TO VISIT OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY
TODMAN

1. THERE FOLLOWS SUMMARY OF EDITORIAL PUBLISHED IN BARBADOS'
DAILY NEWSPAPER, "THE ADVOCATE-NEWS," NOVEMBER 29:

2. TODMAN'S VISIT IS HAILED AS "REAFFIRMATION OF U.S.' RE-
NEWED INTEREST IN CARIBBEAN". APPARENTLY PLEASED AT ABSENCE
OF WHAT IT CALLS "MERE DIPLOMATIC TALK," NEWSPAPER PRAISES
TODMAN'S SINCERITY. ALSO FAVORABLY RECEIVED WAS IMPRESSION
GARNERED HERE THAT TODMAN AND U.S. UNWILLING TO COERCE ANY
CARIBBEAN COUNTRY TO ADOPT ANY PARTICULAR POLICY.

3. IMPORTANCE FOR BARBADOS AND FOR BILATERAL RELATIONS OF
WEB OF PERSONAL CONTACTS BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES IS STRESSED.
THESE CONTACTS FACILITATED BY A BARBADOS
GOVERNMENT WHICH RESPECTS HUMAN RIGHTS
AND COOPERATES WITH U.S. , SOMETHING U.S.
CANNOT POSSIBLY IGNORE WHEN FORMULATING POLICY TOWARD
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BARBADOS.

4. ALTHOUGH, IN WRITER'S JUDGMENT, BARBADOS HAS "ITS
CASE TO PUT AND WE EXPECT U.S. TO BE SYMPATHETIC TO
WHAT WE HAVE TO SAY," HE SURMISES THAT REACHING AGREE-
MENT ON QUESTION OF NAVAL FACILITY "WILL NOT BE DIFFI-
CULT:" INDEED, BARBADOS "MIGHT WELL LOOK FORWARD TO

HEARING ABOUT SOME AGREEMENT SOON."

5. WRITER TAKES CONFORT FROM FOUR IDEAS TO ARRIVE
AT HIS CONCLUSION:

- A) BARBADOS' NEW IMPORTANCE FOR UNITED STATES;
- B) U.S. LACK OF INTEREST IN RESORTING TO "BULLYING
TACTICS;"
- C) A SYMPATHETIC AND UNDERSTANDING AMERICAN EAR;
- D) GREAT IMPORTANCE OF PERSONAL AMERICAN-BARBADIAN
CONNECTIONS.

WRITER FEELS THAT THESE FACTORS WILL PULL BARBADOS
ACROSS WHATEVER GULFS STILL REMAIN BETWEEN THE TWO
NEGOTIATING POSITIONS.

6. TODMAN'S REMINDER THAT BARBADOS SHOULD TAKE RESPONSI-
BILITY FOR ITS OWN LONG-RANGE DEVELOPMENT PLANNING,
AFTER WHICH THE UNITED STATES COULD OFFER ASSISTANCE AT
APPROPRIATE JUNCTURES, WAS LOW-KEYED.

7. EDITORIAL FINDS IT INTERESTING THAT TODMAN AVOIDED
BECOMING CAUGHT UP IN CAPITALISM VS. SOCIALISM DIS-
PUTE BY MERELY REMARKING THAT MODERN CAPITALISM HAS
MORE SOCIAL CONSCIENCE THAN THE BETE NOIRE OF KARL
MARX.

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8. MISSION HAS HEARD SEVERAL FAVORABLE REACTIONS TO
TODMAN'S TV APPEARANCE ON "ISSUES AND ANSWERS."
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